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1. "Strict security measures have been taken in force in the heavy industrial center of the Kuznetsk Basin since the beginning of March 1953. For all practical purposes, it has become an isolated area.
2. "No railway personnel from other Soviet republics are now allowed to enter the area of the Basin. At the main junction of Yurga, on the Trans-Siberian railway line, a branch railway line runs into the Basin. At this point all personnel on a train are changed, and local railway brigades from Kemerovo take over.
3. "These railway employees from the Kuznetsk Basin are issued travel permits and special control books, in which, on separate sheets to be torn off by the security authorities, the date and destination of each separate trip are noted. In such a way the security authorities can control and check all the movements of every railroad employee.
4. "As a result of this strict control system a group of three railway employees were arrested on May 23 at the station of Kemerovo. They were said to have illegally arrived with a transport of fruit preserves from Kishinev in Moldavia. Two or three days later the traffic manager of the railway station in Kemerovo, (fnu) Ivanukh, and several officials of the supply base were also arrested as accomplices. All were charged with espionage activities, gathering information on the production of steel, rockets and ammunition in the Kuznetsk Basin."

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